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THE WOMEN VOTERS.

The mother, wife or sister who votes against union government will vote to make it harder for son, husband or brother in the trenches to get needed relief. If a battalion is given a portion of the line to hold, and loses any portion of its men, it must still hold the line. If there is not a battalion to relieve it and give the men a rest, they must remain in the trenches. They must hold the line. We know from the stories told by returned officers how they had to hold their ground with sadly thinned ranks, and how men were forced to remain at their post under the most nerve-racking conditions, because there was no help at hand. Unless more men are sent from Canada, the men now at the front must incur infinitely greater hardship and danger. Whatever the slacker may think about it, the women of Canada with quick sympathy will do their part to bring relief to the heroes who went fearlessly to the battlefield, never doubting that Canada would keep its pledge to stand behind them to the last man and the last dollar.

That is the issue in this campaign. Canada will vote to carry on or to quit. Her women will vote to stand by the men in the trenches.

A VERY STRIKING ADDRESS.

The death toll of tuberculosis in St. John this year will be about one hundred. Of the present population of the city, six thousand will die of tuberculosis. St. John is still far behind other cities in its work for stamping out this disease. The first step should be medical inspection in the schools, established under the health department, and not the school board. Then should follow more hospital accommodation, a larger dispensary work, better housing and open air schools for children with a tendency to tuberculosis. This is the message Dr. Farris, superintendent of the county hospital, gave to the Rotary Club yesterday, in an address that traversed the whole field from the viewpoint of an expert. He pointed out that ninety per cent of people become infected with tuberculosis at an early age, even if it never develops in later life. There is the greater need of seeing to it that the children's health is cared for and home conditions made healthy. The climate of St. John is bad for those of a tubercular tendency only to the extent that light and fresh air are shut out of homes of the people. There should be a much larger window space in the houses. There should be sleeping porches for those in the incipient stage of tuberculosis. Above all, there should be medical inspection of schools. Referring to hospitals, Dr. Farris pointed out that if any city of thirty thousand in New York state does not provide a hospital with one hundred and twenty beds for advanced cases of tuberculosis the state will do it and make the municipality pay. In Massachusetts, cities of fifty thousand must provide accommodation for all advanced cases, emergency cases, moderately advanced cases, and incipient cases waiting to be transferred to sanatoria. The county hospital of St. John should make the same provision, but it cannot take all the advanced cases. There is always a waiting list, and partially cured cases are frequently sent away to make room for worse ones. Most of those thus sent away fall ill again and have to be taken back. The picture painted by Dr. Farris was the more gloomy because it is true. And yet, as he says, one of the troubles is that the disease is too easily cured. Persons afflicted become apparently better and believe they are all right when proper examination would show that they needed rest and treatment. It costs far less to cure an incipient case than to take care of an advanced case till death ensues. Dr. Farris estimates that the one hundred deaths from tuberculosis this year will mean a financial loss of \$120,000, so that as a plain business proposition it pays to work hard to stamp out the disease. He made the further striking statement that the prevalence of the disease among soldiers is less than among a like number of civilians of the same age. The facts set forth by Dr. Farris should rouse the citizens; for, as he asserts, war-time, when the people are aroused and public effort is being put forth as never before, is the very time to take up so vital a question and save the country as much as possible from health deterioration after the war, such as France suffered after the war of 1870. Dr. Farris is very emphatic that medical inspection should be under the direction of the public health department and not the school board. There should be no division of the public health work.

WOMEN SUPPORT UNION.

The Toronto Globe tells an interesting story of the replies given to enumerators by the wives, mothers and sisters of men overseas, showing that they will not desert those who are ready to give their lives for their country. We quote from the Globe—

"Sure, I have a vote," said one woman. "Me and my old man'll go together and vote for the lads overseas."

Her "old man" is back from the conflict with a gold stripe on his arm, and "the lads" are the two sons still fighting, and the mother, with a loving woman's wit, knows that her vote for Union government will be something she can do to help the boys in the struggle.

"I'll take mother to vote," volunteered a young painter, "and I tell her she ought to have four votes, for there are four of them overseas—In the only one of her five boys at home."

"I'll be Union government for mine on voting day," volunteered one girl. "My brother's been writing home this ever so long asking why the parties couldn't get together, and now they've done it and I've got the vote I'll use the way he wants."

Still another, this time a wife, explaining that her vote would go for the Union government, because her husband had told her to vote for the "hardest conceptionist she could find."

"Never you mind as to whether he's a Grit or Tory," he wrote me. "You just find out who's hottest for reinforcing the boys out here without any more waiting game and plant your vote for him, little woman." So that's what I'm going to do."

"One of the reasons I am behind the Union government," said Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey, speaking to a group of workers the other day, "is because my son, who is at the front, has written home asking me to plant my vote for him, little woman." So that's what I'm going to do."

Dr. Broderick says union government is a bluff. Does he expect his hearers to believe that Messrs. Carvell, Mewburn, Balleynne, Rowell, Cramer, Calder, Sifton, Fielding, Murray and a host of other prominent Liberals, backed by almost the entire Liberal press of Canada, are merely playing a game of bluff while the country is at grips with fate? Dr. Broderick knows better. Nobody charges him with being a bluffer because he joined the Liberal party three months ago. Why impute improper motives?

Jerusalem is once more in Christian hands. That is one of the notable achievements of the British in this war. The new crusaders patiently battled with the desert and the Turk until the great end was achieved. We can easily anticipate the transformation that will take place in the famous city after the war, under the benign influence of Christian rule. The sacred places of the Christian world will no longer be profaned.

One of last night's opposition speakers presented as a reason why the boys in the trenches should be left without further support the statement that on Dec. 17 Dr. Emery would administer an anaesthetic and Dr. Broderick would pull a tooth. He did not say so, but it is understood both gentlemen will be getting wisdom teeth about that date.

Last night's opposition speakers spent nearly all their time attacking the Borden government, which is dead. They should have attacked the Germans, who are alive. They should have urged St. John to help Canada keep her pledge to her sons at the front.

After last night's meetings there can be no doubt about the success of union government in St. John. Hon. Sydney Fisher's voluntary enlistment plan would not get reinforcements for the men in the trenches, and St. John will not endorse it.

Quebec is not splitting its vote to any extent. It is fairly solid against sending reinforcements to the men at the front. As Bishop Fallon says, if Quebec chooses to isolate herself the other provinces cannot help it. But their duty is clear.

The opposition speaker last night who insinuated that all the union Liberals and union Liberal press were bought should read Dr. Emery's remarks about those who talk about the use of gold.

Surely it will not be left to the soldiers to save the honor of Canada by their votes as well as by their deeds. Those at home cannot fight, but they can vote for union government.

Only a union government can throw Canada's full strength into the war. Partisan government, like voluntary enlistment, has broken down.

Surely the Halifax horror will impress the Canadian people with the urgent need of throwing the full strength of the country into the war.

Read Bishop Fallon's powerful appeal to his Catholic fellow-countrymen to get behind the union government.

LOCAL NEWS

F. L. Smith and F. T. Barbour, of the local Y. M. C. A., returned from Halifax yesterday. Mr. Smith said that the Y. M. C. A. building there had been converted into a temporary hospital, and men lodging in the dormitories had been sent to quarters elsewhere. New York, he said, was sending 2,000 portable houses, and also men to put them up.

William McIntosh, curator of the Natural History Society, gave his second lecture last evening to the Senior Class of the Y. M. C. A. on "The Origin and Development of Life."

An alarm was rung in yesterday afternoon from box 212, for front stairs, and a fire in the Windsor Terrace. No sign of blaze was found by the firemen.

A meeting in the interest of Union government was held at Apohaqui last evening. The speakers were Miss Alice Fairweather and Mrs. R. J. Hooper of St. John and Dr. Pearson of Sussex.

A special meeting of Loyalist Chapter, L. O. D. E., was held last night to deal with the Halifax situation. The chapter donated \$250 towards deserving cases that might come up. Previous to the meeting the chapter had donated \$125 for immediate relief. This was sent Friday night in the form of clothes and shoes for destitute children.

A meeting of the representatives of the Oddfellows lodges in the city was held last night to consider measures of relief for their brothers in Halifax. A committee was appointed and the work of collecting will commence at once.

MORE NURSES AWAY.

A party of nurses left on the noon train yesterday for Halifax in charge of Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley. In all about 100 nurses from St. John have gone to Halifax during the last two days. Those going yesterday were:

Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley in charge. Mrs. Geddies, Mrs. J. U. Thomas, Mrs. Arthur Bowman, Mrs. E. B. Rainnie, Mrs. Malcolm, Miss Mary Poole, Miss E. Jones, Miss Charlotte Poole, Miss Frances Hamilton, Miss Wesson, Mrs. Porter, Miss Maude Gaskin, Mrs. W. S. Allison, Miss G. C. Barnes, Miss L. Parker, Miss Gamblin, Sussex; Mrs. J. H. Evans, Mrs. Bruce Kelly, Mrs. S. J. Naylor, Woodstock; Mrs. F. Thomas, Mrs. E. W. Givens, Mrs. V. A. Stephenson, Mrs. R. B. Miller, Miss M. O'Neill, Miss Dowling, Mrs. L. Wandless, Fredericton.

Quiet Again in Lisbon. Paris, Dec. 10.—A Havas despatch from Lisbon says that quiet has been restored. The new government has decided to dissolve parliament. The president of the republic, Bernardino Machado, was asked to resign, but declined to do so. He was then informed that he could consider himself under arrest.

British Tommy—"Speak English, Moscov?" French Storekeeper—"But—yes—a little, M'sieu."

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The steamer had on board several former Canadians who had been transferred to the Imperial forces with commissions from the ranks of different Canadian battalions. This is the first large number of fighting Canadians from the Imperial regiments to reach Canada. The long and faithful service of the officers with the "Imperials" showed their efficiency as army officers. That they have no unenviable record as all have long and honorable records at the front. Most of them were home on furlough or sick leave, and will return to France, where they served as a member of an observation squadron in the flying corps for eight months.

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